the State and District levels and directed to file the affidavits of compliance by 3rd January 2007.

(b) These directions were communicated to the State Governments and Union Territories for necessary action.

(c) The directions primarily concern the States and 'Police' being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to take appropriate action. In respect of the Union Territories while most of the directions have been complied substantially, the Central Government has filed on their behalf an application in the Supreme Court for directions seeking clarifications/modifications, as certain directions of the Supreme Court are not possible to be implemented in the Union Territories in toto, as the Union Territories are different in character from the States.

(d) and (e) The Central Government is considering enactment of a new legislation for police administration in the Union Territories, in place of existing enactments. It is, however, not possible to indicate a definite time frame for this legislative proposal..

Taking help of ex-servicemen to tackle extremism

†2388. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was suggested by the army that the help of the ex-servicemeii should be taken to solve the problem of leftist extremism instead of taking help -directly from the army;

(b) if so, whether any guidelines were issued to the States; and

(c) the names of the States where the services of ex-servicemen are being taken and the State-wise number of such servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Law and Order being a State subject, dealing with the various issues related to naxalite violence primarily lies in the domain of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government has not issued any guidelines to State Governments for recruitment of ex-servicemen in the State Police forces for dealing with naxalite violence. Data on State-wise number of ex-servicemen employed/engaged for various types of Police duties by the State Governments is not maintained at the Central level.

Safety of Guruvayur temple

2389. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been contacted regarding safety of Guruvayur temple in Kerala;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government are aware of threats to the Devoswom; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Inputs regarding the possible threats from terrorist elements to target religious places, vital installations, important buildings, crowded places, mass-transit systems, etc. are received from time to time. However, it is not in the public interest to disclose these facts.

Threat posed by Google Earth

2390. SHRl SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame a concrete strategy to tackle the possible threat posed by Google Earth, which provides easy access to satellite imagery of vital installations across the country;

(b) whether Government had held any meeting in this connection;

(c) if so, the results of these meetings;

(d) whether the Google had assured Government that they would remove the high-resolution pictures of sensitive installation of the country; and

(e) if so, the Google have implemented their assurances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) The Government is aware of images of some vital installations/areas available on the internet through Google search engine and has initiated necessary steps with reference to the matter of hosting of such images on the website.

Grant to Karnataka for digitization of all village maps

2391. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for grants for digitization of all the village maps and microfilming of survey records in the State; and

(b) if so, the details of Centre's response thereto and present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for digitization of village maps and has requested for Rs. 10.20 crores as grants for it. There is no proposal received so far for microfilming of survey records in the State.- However, a proposal for Scanning and Preserving Cadastral Survey Records in respect of 163 taluks of Karnataka for Rs: 16.78 crores has been sent. Against this. Government of India has released Rs.8.84 crores in January, 2007.